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Australia's unemployment rate at 5.4 per cent in April 2010: ABS

The Australian unemployment rate remained steady at 5.4 per cent in April, as announced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today.

The ABS reported the number of people employed increased by 33,700 people to 11.025 million, seasonally adjusted, in April. The rise in employment was driven by a rise in full-time employment, up 37,500 people to 7.736 million that was offset by a fall in part-time employment, down 3,900 people to 3.290 million. This was the eighth consecutive month Australia has seen a rise in the number of people employed full-time.

The number of people unemployed increased in April, up 6,500 people to 628,100, the ABS reported.

The ABS seasonally adjusted monthly aggregate hours worked series showed a fall in April, down 8.3 million hours to 1,531.4 million hours.

The ABS reported the participation rate in April was 65.2 per cent.

More details are available in the April 2010 release of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) available for free download from the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>

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